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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-15-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL	
[]	State Law Change
[]	Federal Law or Regulation Change
[]	Court Order or Settlement Agreement
[]	Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
[X]	Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INCOME LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to provide counties with information regarding the status of the Emergency Assistance (EA) application and the new income level to be used for EA eligibility determination purposes during State Fiscal Year 1994-95.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is currently in the process of revising the EA application. However, until the new application is available, counties will need to continue utilizing the current supply of EA applications. Therefore, counties are instructed to disregard the notation in the lower left-hand corner of the current application which reads "Cancel: 7/1/94." The distribution of the new EA application will be coordinated with the revision of the EA Notice of Action and the implementation of the new EA tracking system that is now being developed to replace the List of Emergency Assistance Participants System (LEAPS). It is anticipated that these various activities will be completed in the summer of 1994.

One of the elements of EA eligibility is the determination of the family's total income. Under EA, the family's income can be no greater than two hundred percent of the California median family income. The allowable income level for eligibility purposes is calculated on a fiscal year basis. For the period beginning July 1, 1994 until June 30, 1995, the total family income of an EA applicant can not exceed \$92,800. This income level must be used in the eligibility determination of any EA application with a parent/relative or county worker signature date of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. In order to accommodate this change, the county must modify the current version of the EA application (County Worker Certification section, Item 3) by striking out the Fiscal Year 1993-94 income level of \$89,200 and replacing it with the Fiscal Year 1994-95 income level of \$92,800. This modification to the EA application must occur within the 30-day service authorization period following the date of application.

The CDSS appreciates the counties' cooperation in this matter. Should you have any comments or questions regarding this material or any further questions concerning the EA program, please contact Mr. Lou Del Gaudio in the Children's Services Policy Bureau at (916) 445-2890, or FAX (916) 445-2898.

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